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New anti-psychotics a bigger risk to kids

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A new government study published Monday has found that the medicines most often prescribed for schizophrenia in children and adolescents are no more effective than older, less expensive drugs, and are more likely to cause some harmful side effects. The standards for treating the disorder should be changed to include some older medications that have fallen out of use, the study's authors said.

The results are being published online by The American Journal of Psychiatry.

Prescription rates for the newer drugs, called atypical anti-psychotics, have increased more than fivefold for children over the past decades, and doctors now use them to settle outbursts and aggression in children with a wide variety of diagnoses, despite serious side effects.

The study compared two of the newer anti-psychotics, Zyprexa from [Eli Lilly](#) and Risperdal from Janssen, with an older medication and found that all three relieved symptoms of schizophrenia, such as auditory hallucinations, in many youths.

Yet half of those in the study stopped taking their drug within two months, either because it had no effect or caused serious side effects such as rapid weight gain.

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